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Assistant Director for Operations

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Chief, Foreign Documents Division

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ADMINISTRATION

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1. The number of personnel charged against ceiling as of 30 December was [REDACTED]
2. On 2 December, at request of the DD/S, Chief, FDD, replied to Bureau of the Budget questions regarding availability of information from Russian scientific publications relative to a review of funds for OTS/Department of Commerce.
3. Chief, FDD, on 10 December, appeared with the DCI before the Killian Scientific Advisory Board to brief its members on CIA exploitation of Russian scientific publications.
4. During the month, Chief, FDD, became a member of OCS Task Force 7 which is examining the effectiveness of the present US publications procurement system.
5. On 16 December, Mr. J. J. Bagnall joined a working group chaired by RBF and charged with developing a program for making the results of exploitation of Russian scientific publications by government offices more generally available to industry and the scientific world.
6. On 17 December, Chief, FDD, met with officials of Personnel Assignment Division/OL, and of Management Staff for clarification of the minimum for qualification under the new scientific pay differentials established by the Civil Service Commission. As a result, eleven FDD personnel were approved for the increase.
7. Ten persons assigned to [REDACTED] returned to FDD on 30 December.
8. Deputy Chief, FDD, spoke on FDD operations at Intelligence Orientation Course No. 16 on 17 December.

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9. [REDACTED] FBID, is on 60-day TDY with the Arab States/Israel Section.

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10. The FDB Intensive Polish Reading Course was published by OIR as TR RM 0-13, in two volumes. By agreement, there was no attribution to [REDACTED]

11. On 3 December, Deputy Chief, FDB, briefed a group of ten OSI analysts on FDB operations.

12. Approval was received for the transfer of a Clerk Typist, GS-4 position, Far East Branch, to a Clerk Typist, GS-5 position, [REDACTED]

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As of 30 December, the last staff agent of Project UT was converted to staff employee status.

OPERATIONS

1. The 89th meeting of the Subcommittee on Exploitation of Foreign Language Publications was held on 6 December. The review of the scientific and technical program was completed. The next meeting is scheduled for 3 January at which time the Western World program and the four international reports will be considered.

2. Reference to the CDS Index prevented 71 cases of duplication totaling 3,211 pages.

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3. The [REDACTED] had 113 translation service requests representing 10,712 pages and 111 exploitation projects on hand at the end of the month.

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As of 31 December, the Washington [REDACTED] had 197 translation requirements totaling 7,631 pages on hand; exploitation projects totaled 25.

4. A proposal to publish the FDB Summaries Soviet Bloc EGY Information and "Scientific Information Report" unclassified with CIA identification was explored and found to be undesirable at the present time.

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5. With the cooperation of [REDACTED] Chief and Executive Assistant of Printing Services Division/OI, FDB investigated the possibility of expeditious reproduction in volume for [REDACTED] reports via GPO or other government printing facilities. No solution has been found and inquiry continues.

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6. To meet the increased demands of the intelligence community, the limited distribution of FDD publications "Soviet Bloc ISY Information" and "Survey of the Soviet Press," both deadline weeklies, was increased from 100 to 150 copies. A method to effect unclassified sanitized distribution of the latter report is under study with Contact Division.

7. A records survey in Eastern Europe Branch resulted in the disposition of over 27 linear feet of material.

8. Among commendations received during the month was an appreciation from the Director of Training for support furnished over the past year by numerous FDD personnel in various OER training courses.

9. Liaison with offices outside CIA during the month concerned primarily program guidance matters.

10. Outstanding reports:

FDD Summary No. 1590 -- Weekly Information Report on Communist China (161) (aluminum production greatly exceeds plan, p.1)

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[REDACTED] -- Monthly Information Report on North Korea (16) (North Korean instructors denounced for advocating freedom of discussion, pp 1-5)

Each of these items was used as a basis for OCI comment in the OCI daily report.

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Enclosures:

1. Statistical Report on FDD Operations
2. Details of Personnel Actions

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